

RCA Reunion
PO Box 214
Shilo, MB
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ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY REUNION 2018
28 JUNE-1 JULY – JOINING INSTRUCTIONS



To All Members of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery Family,

Believe it or not three years have passed since the last Regimental Reunion was held at CFB Shilo, the Home Station of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, and so it is that time once again to gather together for the 2018 Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Reunion at the Home Station of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Canadian Forces Base Shilo Manitoba in order to renew the close friendships and relive the fine and lasting memories that we have forged over our many years of service to Canada and the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. I am also very pleased that our fellow Airborne Gunners have also opted to once again join us by holding their event in conjunction with the RCA Reunion (see Annexes B and E).

We continue to update the program based upon your feedback.

We have:

- kept the golf tournament on Friday to allow more people to attend;
- kept the change from last Reunion that had an adjusted fee schedule to allow those who only wished to attend the Meet & Greet to do so;
- kept the change from last Reunion that has a menu for Sunday's departure to sandwich fare and road type food for your convenience;
- maintained the free transportation service between Shilo and Brandon;
- kept a live firepower demonstration as part of the event;
- opened the RCA Museum free of charge to Reunion guests;
- opened our messes for extended hours for the entire Reunion;
- not increased the registration fees; and
- for your convenience we are attempting to add the ability to pay at L-25 via debit or credit card. (check reunion web site for updates)

Of course we are only in the initial planning stages and while we are still firming up the exact schedule, attached at ANNEX B you find what we have planned to date. That said, there may be some minor changes in times and events before the Reunion but we will endeavour to keep the RCA website up to date as changes occur. As you see by the attached schedule, we have a fun filled and exciting Reunion planned for you and hope that you can make it out here to sunny Shilo to meet old friends and maybe make some news ones as you reminisce about "the good old days".

As we indicated to you in the mail-out for the 2015 Reunion, we will not be doing a mass mail-out for a number of reasons. Of course one reason is cost and the other is, with Artillery Reunions being three years apart, we are just not able to keep up-to-date mailing lists. That said if you or anyone you know wishes to have a package mailed out we will do mailings on a request basis (we can also send by fax or email). So please pass this along to anyone you know that may be interested but does not

have email or access to a printer. Requests should be sent to the address at the top of the page c/o Mike McEwan or they can call Mike at 204-765-3000 ext 3073 at any time. If your call is outside of normal working hours or he is not in the office when you call, just leave a message on his voice mail with a contact number to get back to you.

For those wishing to register early we are accepting forms from 1 November 2017 onward. See Annex A below for details.

As in the past, your 2018 RCA Reunion Organizing Committee is made up of volunteers and it is my pleasure to introduce them to you.

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| Chairperson | Mr. Chuck LaRocque @ 204-726-5138 |
| Vice Chairperson | (Hon) Col Rick Felstead, 26 Fd Regt @ 204-725-3397 |
| Secretary | Mr. Chuck Roeder @ 204-765-3000 ext 4385 |
| Treasurer | Mr. Mike McEwan @ 204-765 3000 ext 3073 |
| Publicity | Mr. Don Simpson and Mr. Ross Robinson |
| Entertainment | Paul Parsons |
| RHQ RCA Rep | MWO Ken Hood |
| Golf Rep | Mr. Sonny O'Donnell & Mr. Paul Sainsbury |
| Shilo & Region Service Club Rep | Mr. Ken Wells |
| Sam's Trailer Park Mgr | WO Jay Power & WO Paul Dolomont |
| 1 RCHA Rep | TBD |
| Airborne Gunners Rep | Mr. Paul Parsons |

You will be given a welcome package on arrival. As well, you will find some further details in the following Annexes included in this package and at <http://www.artillery.net/beta/canadian-gunner-associations/>

List of Annexes:

- A. Registration Form
- B. Outline Schedule of Events
- C. Motels/Hotels in the Brandon/Shilo Area
- D. Local Services
- E. Airborne Gunner Reunion 2018 Letter of Greeting and Instruction

Location. The RCA Reunion will be “hubbed” at Building L-25, the old drill hall. Most activity will take place there. A map of the Base will be included in your welcome package to assist you in navigating the Base.

Transportation. Travel to and from Shilo is the responsibility of those attending. However there will be a free bus service set on a fixed schedule that will be centered around the main activities. The schedule will be posted online once finalized and it will be based on your returns regarding where the majority of people are staying. We will also be attempting to arrange discounted local taxi fees between Brandon and Shilo and around the local Shilo area.

Accommodation. There are numerous hotels/motels available in the Shilo/Brandon area; listed at ANNEX C. Those attending the reunion are asked to book accommodations in advance and indicate

if possible where they will be staying on the Registration Form, ANNEX A. This will assist us when arranging transportation. There are also a limited amount of rooms available on base and the contact information for Base Accommodations is also found at ANNEX C. Sam's Trailer Park with electric power, chemical toilets and water will also be available at Shilo. Unlike past years, it is a new, permanent full-service campground which will be block reserved for the Reunion. There are only 14 full-service sites so it will be first come, first served so book early to avoid disappointment. The best way to do that is to register early and request a spot on the registration form found at ANNEX A. You will be contacted with confirmation of your booking. General Strange Hall will be open for showers during normal operating hours (see ANNEX D). Finally, you should also ask local hotels / motels if they offer a military discount because retirees are now eligible in most places.

Dress. Dress will be discretionary "within the limits of good taste". Suitable civilian attire is requested at all functions. There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday 1 July to which medals may be worn. Also, just a reminder that the Shilo Country Club and the Messes have a dress code, so please adhere to them.

Rations. Registration fees will cover the cost of:

- BBQ supper on Friday 29 June at the Meet & Greet;
- Banquet Supper on Saturday 30 June;
- Brunch at the farewell on Sunday 01 July; and
- Coffee and tea service throughout the event.

NOTE: Other dining establishments are available at various locations on or near the base. See ANNEX D for details.

Medical. Shilo has an on-base 911 ambulance service. They will provide on-site medical services and evacuate to the Brandon General Hospital if required. To contact them simply dial 911.

RCA Tours and Souvenirs. The RCA Museum will be open daily, free of charge to all Reunion guests. The RCA Kit Shop will be open during the reunion for members to stock up on regimental memorabilia. See ANNEX D for details.

In closing, I want take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the Commander of the Home Station, LCol A.D. MacIntyre, the Commanding Officer 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, LCol S.G. Haire, your Reunion 2018 committee and indeed all members of the Home Station community our sincere hopes that you can attend the RCA Reunion 2018. Please rest assured that we will be here working tirelessly to ensure that your visit is a memorable one.

Sincerely,

Chuck LaRocque
Chairperson
2018 Reunion Committee

ANNEX A
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: Check reunion activities below for which you wish to register

- RCA Reunion Meet & Greet BBQ 29 June: Per Person \$25 _____
- All RCA Reunion Activities 29 June – 01 July: Per Person \$40 _____
Price includes Meet & Greet; excludes golf tournament.
- Airborne Gunners Reunion Only 28 June: Per Person \$12 _____
- RCA Reunion and Airborne Gunner Activities: Per Person \$52 _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____ METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check **or** Money Order
Cash only accepted at the registration desk.

Please make checks and money orders payable to “RCA Reunion Fund and mail to:

RCA Reunion
PO Box 214
Shilo, MB
R0K 2A0

MY ACCOMODATIONS ARE AT: _____

(Indicate here if you wish a site at Sam’s Trailer Park)

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- No receipts will be issued on receipt of payment. If you require a receipt one will be issued on arrival.
 - Tickets and other information will be issued at the registration desk on arrival.
 - This application along with payment must be received by 1 May 2018.
 - Fees do not include golf tournament.

ANNEX B
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY 28 JUNE

1300-1700 hrs - Registration desk open at the Community Centre Annex, Building L-25

1800-? hrs - Airborne Gunner Meet and Greet – Club rooms of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Unit 10, 31 - 14th St., Brandon. (see Annex E).

FRIDAY 29 JUNE

1000-1700 hrs - Registration desk open at the Community Centre Annex, Building L-25

1000 hrs - Golf tournament @ Shilo Country Club. Please be there for 0900 hrs

1800-0100 hrs - Meet and Greet BBQ at the Community Centre Annex, Bldg L-25 (wristbands to be worn. Tickets required for dinner)

SATURDAY 30 JUNE

1200-1600 hrs - Registration desk open at the Community Centre Annex, Building L-25

1000-1400 hrs - Fire power demo. Busses depart from Community Centre Annex, Building L-25

1800-0100 hrs - Banquet and dance at Community Centre Annex, Building L-25 (wristbands to be worn. Ticket required for dinner)

SUNDAY 1 JULY

1000-1030 hrs - Memorial service. Artillery Park;
1035-1050 hrs - Afghanistan Memorial dedication service; and
1100-? hrs - Light lunch, good-byes and departures.

Note: This schedule of events will be updated, expanded and re-issued at the registration desk and at <http://www.artillery.net/beta/canadian-gunner-associations/>

ANNEX C
ACCOMMODATIONS

BASE AND SPRUCEWOODS/COTTONWOODS ACCOMODATIONS

Base Accommodations
(204) 765-3000 ext 3050
+R&Q@CFB/ASU Shilo@Shilo
baseaccns.intern.mil.ca@intern.mil.ca

Sam's Trailer Park
(Book via your registration form)

Shilo Inn
119 Shilo Road, Sprucewoods
Tel: (204) 765-2157

Cottonwood Acres Bed & Breakfast
34 Poplar Ave, Cottonwood Acres, MB
Tel: (204) 763-4950
www.bedandbreakfast.mb.ca/cottonwoodacres

OTHER NEARBY CAMPGROUNDS RURAL MOTELS

Oakland Inn
144 4th St, Wawanesa
Tel: (204) 824-4420

Robin's Nest Motel & Cafe
Trans-Canada Highway (near Carberry)
Tel: (204) 834-2878

Carberry Motor Inn
9 Main St, Carberry
Tel: (204) 834-2197
Fax: (204) 834-2224

Meadowlark Campground
1629 Middleton Ave, 100 Meadowlark Trailer Park, Brandon
Tel: (204) 728-7205
www.meadowlarkrvpark.com

**Days Inn & Motel 6 are Official Sponsors of the 2018 Artillery Reunion
See Their Special RCA Reunion Special Offer with the areas
Lowest Rates & Highest Quality Rooms & Service**



Days Inn & Suites at 2130 Currie Boulevard, Bdn extends a *warm welcome* to the **Royal Canadian Artillery Family** & offers the following **SPECIAL RCA REUNION RATES:**

Standard Room \$89 Studios \$109

- Complimentary **HOT and Continental Breakfast Buffet**
- Established Corporate Hotel Located South on HWY 10
- Outdoor Deck & BBQ
- Small Pets Permitted

Neighborhood Restaurants: Huggies Restaurant & Sports Bar

Booking Instructions: To reserve a room at Days, please phone the hotel and quote ACCT: 828-519129 by May 19.

<http://www.days-inn-brandon.com> PH: **204-727-3600** or **800-DAYS INN**



Motel 6 at 815 Middleton Avenue, Bdn greets the **Royal Canadian Artillery Family** with the following **SPECIAL RCA REUNION RATES:** **Standard Rooms \$69 Studios \$89**

- Complimentary Continental Breakfast Buffet.
- New Prototype, Clean & Bright, Located North on TC HWY
- LOTS of Parking
- Outdoor Deck & BBQ
- Small Pets Permitted

Neighborhood Restaurants: Boston Pizza & McDonald's Restaurant

Booking Instructions: To reserve a room at Motel 6, please phone the hotel and quote ACCT: AAK109 by May 19.

<http://www.motel6brandon.com> PH: **204-726-4000** or **800-466-8356**

OTHER BRANDON HOTELS / MOTELS

Barney's Motel

105 Middleton Avenue, R7C 1A8
TF: 1-866-825-8166

Best Western Brandon Inn

205 Middleton Avenue, R7C 1A8
TF: 1-855-727-7997
www.bestwesternmanitoba.com

Canad Inns Brandon

1125 - 18th Street, R7A 7C5
TF: 1-888-332-2623
www.canadinns.com

Casa Blanca Motor Lodge

2728 Victoria Avenue, R7B 0M8
TF: 1-888-293-9440
www.casablancamotorlodge.ca

Colonial Inn

1944 Queens Avenue, R7B 0T1
TF: 1-800-665-6373
www.colonialinnbrandon.ca

Comfort Inn

925 Middleton Avenue, R7C 1A8
TF: 1-800-228-5150 or 1-866-958-9898
www.choicehotels.ca

Keystone Motor Inn

1050 - 18th Street, R7A 5C1
TF: 1-877-728-6620
www.keystonemotorinn.ca

Knights Inn

150 - 5th Street, R7A 3K4
P: 204-727-6404
www.knightsinn.com

Lakeview Inn & Suites

1880 - 18th Street North, R7C 1A5
TF: 1-877-355-3500
www.lakeviewhotels.com

Midway Motel

1860 - 1st Street North, R7C 1A5
TF: 1-888-523-9184

North Hill Inn

1129 Braecrest Drive, R7C 1B1
P: 204-726-1818

Redwood Motor Inn

345 - 18th Street North, R7A 6Z2
TF: 1-877-728-2200
www.redwoodmotorinn.ca

Royal Oak Inn & Suites (now Clarion)

3130 Victoria Avenue East, R7B 0N2
TF: 1-800-852-2709
www.royaloakinn.com

Super 8 Motel

1570 Highland Avenue, R7C 1A7
TF: 1-800-800-8000
www.super8brandon.com

The Little Chalet

1709 Middleton Avenue, R7C 1A7
TF: 1-866-614-7685

Trails West Inn

210 - 18th Street North, R7A 6P3
TF: 1-888-234-4040
www.trailswest.mb.ca

Victoria Inn

3550 Victoria Avenue, R7B 2R4
TF: 1-800-852-2710
www.vicinn.com

Western Motel

1148 - 18th Street, R7C 5C2
TF: 1-877-700-8989
www.westernmotel.ca

NOTE: All locations accept small pets.

ANNEX D
LOCAL SERVICES

CANEX SERVICES: Individual hours vary for each service provider located within the CANEX Mall. Their hours are posted at each outlet and included in your welcome package. The following services are available:

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| CANEX SuperMart and Esso gas bar | BronZ BodyZ Tanning Studio |
| Canada Post Office (RPO) | Forbidden Flavours – light lunch, specialty coffee and ice cream |
| Garrison Grill Café | Shilo Automotive |
| McPhail Travel/ HMS Insurance Agencies | Shilo taxi service |
| Western Medical Clinic (walk-in clinic) | BMO 24hr ATM (Cash only) |
| Brightside Dental Care | |
| Barber Shop | |

SHILO COUNTRY CLUB

An excellent 18 hole course with on-site Pro (two pro on staff) Pro Shop, driving range, cart rentals, club and pull cart rentals, on-course bar and food service and a full service restaurant (Rick's Restaurant & Bar – take-out and delivery). Reduced golf rates are also offered for out of town CAF golf course members.

MESSES: The daily Mess hours are as follows:

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| Junior Ranks Mess | 1300-0100 hrs |
| WOs' & Sgts' Mess & RCA Officer's Mess | 1300-1800 hrs |

OFF-BASE SERVICES

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| Esso gas bar, and convenience store | Douglas General Store |
| Shilo Inn Motel, Restaurant and Bar (VLTs) | Commonwealth Air Training Plan Museum |
| Viper Auto Body & Glass | Daly House Museum |
| J&J Auto Sales | Camp Hughes |
| Vince's Garage | Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, Unit 10, 31 - 14th St, Brandon |
| The Wright Shoppe (video rentals, ice cream, snack foods) | Royal Canadian Legion # 3 |
| Westman Reptile Gardens | |

Note: Further info on these services will be included in your welcome package on arrival and available at the Reunion info desk located in Building L-25 throughout the Reunion.

RCA MUSEUM & RCA KIT SHOP

Free admission is offered for all reunion attendees. The hours of operation for both the RCA Museum and RCA Kit Shop will be 1000-1500 hrs daily. The RCA Kit Shop will also be open during the reunion for members to stock up on regimental memorabilia. An array of hats, t-shirts and other reunion souvenirs will also be on sale at Building L-25 throughout the weekend. Further info will be included in your welcome package.

ANNEX E

AIRBORNE GUNNER REUNION 2018 LETTER OF GREETING AND INSTRUCTION



This Message is for the Airborne Gunners attending the 2018 Gunner Reunion in Shilo.

We are planning to have a “Meet & Greet” style evening with those of us that served with the Artillery and at some point as an “Airborne Gunner”. This event will happen on Thursday June 28, 2018, the night before the start of the Shilo, “Home Station” reunion which begins the next day. Location for the Airborne Gunner night will ANAF Unit 10 on 31-14 St Brandon, Mb.

It is our intention to get together as “Airborne Gunners” to give us an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, enjoy a meal, and tell a few jump stories.

We would like everyone to spread the word to all “Airborne Gunners and their spouses” with strong encouragement for them to attend.

Those of us that have attended the past Shilo Arty Reunions will attest to such a great time we always have when we reunite, share some drinks, food, and a few stories.

We are very grateful to Chuck LaRocque and his 2018 reunion organizing committee for allowing and assisting us in the event we are planning.

You will find a section on their registration form (Annex A) that speaks to our function, and when completed will assist us in planning our Thursday night dinner.

To cover the meal costs we will charge a fee of \$12 per person attending.

Event Planners: Bill Tremain & Paul Parsons.